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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national application of PCT/DK01/00020, filed January 12, 2001, (the international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English) and claims, under 35 U.S.C. 119, priority of Danish application no. PA 2000 00045, filed January 12, 2000, and under 35 U.S.C. 120, the benefit of U.S. application no. 09/514,599, filed February 28, 2000, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-15, 19 and 23-57.

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended.) The method according to claim 1, wherein the altered property is an improved thermostability as defined by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) using the method described herein.